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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: SNAR, AS
SUBJECT: OPIUM POPPY CULTIVATION DATA

REF: STATE 098632 (NOTAL)

1. D.W. CHIPPENDALE, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL
ENFORCEMENT AND LIAISON, BUREAU OF CUSTOMS, AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL
BUREAU OF NARCOTICS, CANBERA HAS PROVIDED EMBASSY WITH
REPLIES TO REFTEL.

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2. REPLIES TAKE TWO FORMS. SET FORTH BELOW, UNDER PRIORITIES
DEFINED IN INQUIRY REFTEL IS THE GOA'S RESPONSE TO DATA
REQUESTED:

PRIORITY A: PLANTING OCCURS IN BOTH AUTUMN AND SPRING
WITH HARVESTING FROM FEBRUARY THE FOLLOWING YEAR. THE
FIELDS IN THE TASMANIAN STATE OF AUSTALIA YIELD ONE CROP PER

YEAR. IN 1977, 9739 HECTARES WERE PLANTED AND 6854 HECTARES WERE HARVESTED. 16,684 KILOGRAMS OF MORPHINE WERE PRODUCED, MAINLY FOR CONVERSION TO CODEINE. THERE IS NO OPIUM PRODUCED. ON AVERAGE POPPY STRAW CONTAINS 0.55 PERCENT RECOVERABLE MORPHINE.

PRIORITY B: NO HEROIN LABORATORIES HAVE BEEN DISCOVERED USING CONVERSION FROM AUSTRALIAN MORPHINE.

PRIORITY C. SINCE THE ENTERPRISE IS TOTALLY COMMERCIAL, GOVERNMENTS ARE NOT ENTITLED TO SUPPLY INFORMATION REGARDING CULTIVATION AND MANUFACTURING PROCESSES.

3. THE EMBASSY HAS ALSO RECEIVED AN EXTRACT FROM "HEALTH", VOLUME 26, NOS. 3 AND 4 PRODUCED BY THE COMMONWEALTH DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH. SINCE THIS IS A MULTI-PAGE DOCUMENT, IT IS BEING FORWARDED UNDER DS-4 TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR APPROPRIATE DISPOSITION.
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